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SUBJECT: FURTHER GVN STAND ON COMMUNIST ASSASSINS

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QUOTED BELOW IS A TRANSLATION OF PART OF AN ITEM FROM THE OCTOBER 5 EDITION OF THE OFFICIAL NEWS-SHEET VIETNAM PRESS. IT CONCERNS THE CONVICTED ASSASSINS OF CAO DAI GENERAL NGUYEN VAN THANH. THE RELEASE OF THESE PRISONERS HAS BEEN DEMANDED BY THE COMMUNISTS.

BEGIN QUOTE. IN ORDER TO MAINTAIN THE NATIONAL LAW, THE RVN WILL NOT RELEASE THE FIVE PRISONERS CONVICTED OF THE ASSASSINATION OF CAO DAI MAJOR GENERAL NGUYEN VAN THANH TO THE COMMUNISTS, AS DEMANDED.

QUOTE. GOVERNMENT SPOKESMAN MR. BUI BAO TRUC STRESSED THAT THE RELEASE OF THESE CONVICTS CAN ONLY BE CONSIDERED IF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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COMMUNISTS ADMIT THAT THEY ARE COMMUNIST CADRES, AND THAT THEY

ASSASSINATED FORMER GENERAL THANH BY ORDER OF THE COMMUNISTS.
END QUOTE.

COMMENT: THIS IS A MODIFICATION OF THE POSITION ANNOUNCED
BY THE GVN SEPTEMBER 20, WHEN BUI BAO TRUC INDICATED THAT THE
FIVE CONVICTED ASSASSINS WOULD NOT BE RELEASED UNDER ANY CIRCUM-
STANCES. (REF. A). HOWEVER, IT CONFORMS TO THE GVN STAND PER-
VIOUSLY DECLARED THAT PRISONERS LISTED AS COMMON CRIMINALS WHOM
THE COMMUNISTS IDENTIFY AS THEIR CADRES WILL BE CONSIDERED FOR
RELEASE TO THE COMMUNIST SIDE.
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